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ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATIONS

If spring is here can the annual meeting be far behind? Actually, August 9 is just over four months away. The board is already working on the agenda and recruiting volunteers for the budget committee, to help frame the 2004 budget, and hoping for candidates to run for two board positions to replace retiring members Ralph Todd and Marge Bloomfield.

The board is looking for from three to five volunteers to serve on the budget committee as it will begin work late in April. A preliminary budget should be submitted to the board at the May 19 meeting and by mid-June the final version should be ready for board approval. The various standing committees should submit their budget requests to the committee by late April. Anyone with accounting and/or budgeting experience who is willing to help frame the new budget should contact either Bill Barrons or Ralph Todd to volunteer.

Service on the board involves monthly meetings and some committee work. With the expert administrative help of Bill Barrons, the board's job is much less onerous and time-consuming than it used to be. So if you have an interest in helping to guide community affairs,

please do not hesitate to run for the board. Two or more candidates are sought for the three-year positions.

WOODFORD & WOOD, NEW ADDRESS

Several months ago, our accountants, Woodford & Wood, moved to a new location in Gearhart and changed their address. PLEASE NOTE: the new address is P.O. box 2599, Gearhart, OR 97138.

For those members who may not be aware of it, there is a drop box for mail to Surf Pines Association located just outside the security house. You may place bill payments, notes to the board or other communications to Surf Pines Association in the box. No postage is needed. The box is kept locked and cleared regularly by Lynn Meyrick.

NEW SECURITY HOUSE

The board continues to consider proposals for a new structure for our security personnel and progress is being made. Plans should be ready to submit to the membership at the annual meeting.

PARK PROGRESS

Gene Bourquein submitted the following progress report on the park.

Thanks to your generosity thus far and

the work of park committee volunteers, we have completed the construction of the two-grill barbecue, drinking fountain/ picnic water supply, and a plastic storage shed.

Our goal of \$2000 for a swing set is near, with \$1200 contributed to date, but it will take another \$800 to make it a reality. We hope we will be able to have swings in place by early June. So we need your help! Contributions through the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District are tax deductible. If you wish to contribute, you can enclose a separate check made out to the district along with your dues payment and the gift check will be forwarded to Mary Blake. Of course you can also send it directly to Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Foundation, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, OR 97138. Be sure to specify that your donation is for Surf Pines Park.

Ceramic tiles with your own creative design can be purchased to help the park cause. The tiles will be attached to the walls of the barbecue. For details, please call Mary Blake, 717-0431.

We invite you to visit the park and make use of your new barbecue facilities, picnic tables and the horseshoe pad....whenever the weather cooperates.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The community relations committee is planning to welcome spring with a Spring Fling to be held on April 26 at the home of Leo and Catherine Finzi in Surf Pines Landing. Details will be announced as plans develop, so watch for a notice in the gate house window.

Returns of the community relations committee's survey have been coming in and the committee appreciates members' cooperation in responding. Results will be reported when more responses are available.

In previous years a number of members donated bulbs, time, and effort to beautify our roadsides with the daffodils that are now springing up. We are all beneficiaries of that generosity. Please, therefore, do not pick the flowers, since that deprives everyone else of enjoying them.

GATE UPDATE

By now everyone must be used to pressing five numbers on the entry pad to enter Surf Pines...that is, if not using a transmitter. For the most part the changes are progressing smoothly. Another group of new numbers has been activated this month and, if all continues to go as planned, by June everyone in the community will have received a new personal code. Transmitters, at \$25 each, are available from Lynn Meyrick at the gate house, if you prefer not to rely on memory.

Please use the monthly visitor codes provided with your quarterly bill for giving access to service people or casual visitors, so that personal codes remain private. Both gates are now equipped to communicate with residences, so if there is a problem a visitor can gain entry by following the instructions on the entry pad.

REMINDER: Lynn and/or Pam Meyrick are usually available to help residents when problems arise. But like the rest of us they need time to themselves. Their off-duty days are Tuesday and Wednesday, when they should not be disturbed for anything other than a true emergency.

Your owner's information guide contains a list of emergency numbers to call if you need help. See page 2 for the whole range of helpful numbers.

BASKETBALL ANYONE?

After due consideration the roads and grounds committee decided against trying to move the old basketball hoop from its position on the Surf Pines easement opposite Osprey Drive. Apparently the post is too deeply embedded. Instead, they plan to fit the hoop with a chain net and make it available for members' use.

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